

Amendment to the Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of feeder vessels (36) containing the tablets;

a plurality of mounting motor bases (32) mounted on which respective said feeder vessels (36) are mounted, respectively;

a tablet reserving member (200) disposed below at least one of the mounting motor bases base (32), the tablet reserving member (200)-reserving the tablets fed from the respective feeder vessel vessels (36); and

a shutter (203, 300) which is movable to open and close ~~the~~ a lower opening of the tablet reserving member-(200), whereby when setting ~~the~~ a tablet vessel-(11) beneath the tablet reserving member-(200) and moving the shutter-(203, 300) to open the lower opening of the tablet reserving member-(200), the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member-(200) are fed into the tablet vessel-(11), the apparatus further comprising:

a LED (201)-which is turned on when the tablets are fed to the tablet reserving member-(200); and

a sensor (206, 301a, 301b) for detecting an opening operation or a closing operation of the shutter-(203);

whereby wherein when the sensor (206, 301a, 301b) detects the opening operation of the shutter-(203, 300), the LED-(201) is turned off.

2. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein after the

tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~ and the LED ~~(204)~~ is turned on, the tablets can not be fed from the ~~mounting-motor base (32)~~ unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is detected by the sensor ~~(206, 301a, 301b)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of feeder vessels ~~(36)~~ containing the tablets;

a plurality of ~~mounting-motor bases (32)~~ mounted on which respective said feeder vessels ~~(36)~~ are mounted, respectively;

a tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~ disposed below at least one of the ~~mounting-motor base (32)~~ bases, the tablet reserving member (200) reserving the tablets fed from the respective feeder vessels ~~(36)~~ vessel; and

a shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ which is movable to open and close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, whereby such that, when setting the tablet vessel (44) beneath the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~ and moving the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ to open the a lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member (200) are fed into the tablet vessel ~~(44)~~;

wherein a sensor for detecting an opening operation or a closing operation of the shutter is provided; and

wherein after the tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, the tablets can not be fed from the mounting base ~~(32)~~ unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is detected by the sensor ~~(206, 301a,~~

301b).

4. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ to push the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~ is opened.

5. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is formed with an arc-like cutout portion ~~(204, 302)~~ with which the tablet vessel (11) engages.

6. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ to push the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~ is opened.

7. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member ~~(200)~~, whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ to push the shutter ~~(203, 300)~~ against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving

member (200) is opened.